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SUBJECT: CISL MINORITY DENIES INTENT TO SECEDE

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1. SUMMARY: THE CISL MINORITY HAS REASSERTED ITS INTENTION TO REMAIN WITHIN CISL TO COMBAT TRENDS TOWARD MERGER WITH THE COMMUNISTS. THEY HAVE ALSO STATED THEY WILL REFUSE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE EXPULSIONARY PROCEDURES DIRECTED AGAINST VITO SCALIA. END SUMMARY

2. IN A PRESS CONFERENCE HELD MAY 20, THE CISL MINORITY, INCLUDING SCALIA, SARTORI AND OTHERS, STRONGLY DENIED ANY PLAN TO SECEDE FROM CISL. RESPONDING TO A SERIES OF LOADED, OCCASIONALLY HOSTILE QUESTIONS, THE GROUP MAINTAINED ITS INTENTION TO REMAIN WITHIN CISL "IN ORDER TO FIGHT TO RETURN IT TO ITS TRADITIONAL DEMOCRATIC ROLE."

3. VITO SCALIA LASHED OUT AGAINST CISL NATIONAL SECRETARY CARNITI, THE PRIMARY INSTIGATOR OF EXPULSION PROCEEDINGS CUR-

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RENTLY PENDING AGAINST HIM. SCALIA WAS REACTING PRIMARILY TO

A CARNITI INTERVIEW IN THE MILAN DAILY "IL GIORNO" IN WHICH CARNITI SUMMARIZED THE CHARGES AGAINST SCALIA:

A) REPEATED SABOTAGE OF DEMOCRATICALLY DECIDED LABOR ACTIONS, B) THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN ALTERNATIVE ORGANIZATION WITH A HEADQUARTERS AND BRANCH OFFICE AND C) "THE TOTAL ABSENCE OF ILLUMINATION OF THE SOURCES OF HIS REVENUES." SCALIA BRANDED CARNITI'S CHARGES AS TOTAL FALSEHOODS. HE AVERRED IT IS REALLY CARNITI WHO IS OUTSIDE CISL SINCE HE HAS NOT HAD A CISL MEMBERSHIP CARD FOR FOUR YEARS, BUT RATHER MEMBERSHIP IN FLMI, THE UNITARY METAL WORKERS' UNION, "WHICH IS SOMETHING QUITE DIFFERENT," SCALIA SAID.

4. THE MINORITY LEADERS WERE VERY CAREFUL IN RESPONDING TO QUESTIONS REGARDING THE JUNE 18 CISL GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING WHICH IS TO CONSIDER THE CHARGES AGAINST SCALIA. THEY AFFIRMED THEY WOULD NOT PARTICIPATE IN THE SESSION UNLESS CHARGES WERE DROPPED, BUT REFUSED TO SAY THAT THE CHARGES MUST BE DROPPED IN ADVANCE OF THE MEETING. MEANWHILE, SECGEN STORTI HAS CALLED UPON THE CISL MINORITY MEMBERS TO RESCIND THEIR RESIGNATIONS FROM THE CISL DIRECTORATE (ROME'S 6714).

5. COMMENT: CLEARLY, THE CHARGES AGAINST SCALIA HAVE UNITED THE CISL MINORITY AROUND HIM IN A MANNER HE COULD NOT OTHERWISE HAVE ACHIEVED. NEVERTHELESS, THERE IS LITTLE DOUBT BUT WHAT SCALIA IS STILL REGARDED BY SARTORI AND OTHERS AS A MAJOR IMPEDIMENT TO UNITY OF ACTION WITH LIKE-MINDED ELEMENTS IN THE UIL. IN AN INTERVIEW IN THE ROME DAILY "IL MESSAGGERO," SARTORI REASSERTED HIS OPPOSITION TO SECESSION BUT ADDED THAT "IF THERE WILL BE A SPLIT, IT WILL NOT ARISE OUT OF THE SCALIA CASE." THE CONSENSUS HERE IS THAT THE SCALIA AFFAIR IS ACTUALLY AIMED BY CARNITI AT DISCOMFITING AND ULTIMATELY UNSEATING STORTI. AN AWKWARD SIDE-EFFECT OF THIS MANEUVER IS THE RESURRECTION OF SCALIA AS A MAJOR FIGURE, TO THE DISADVANTAGE OF EFFECTIVE COOPERATION BETWEEN ALL ELEMENTS IN CISL AND UIL WHICH OPPOSE THE TREND TOWARD ORGANIC MERGER WITH THE COMMUNIST-DOMINATED CGIL. VOLPE

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